

vers, and of humanity and philanthropy. But having done this, the appropriate functions of that society are at an end. The discordant views entertained among the friends of colonization themselves throughout our wide country, forbid the idea of such an unity of sentiment and action in any general society as is necessary to ensure success: while this very discord, which in the nature of things it would seem impossible to soothe, indicates as apparently a system of independent state action as the only one by which colonization can be successfully prosecuted.

Since the last annual report, large acquisitions of territory have been made around the settlement at Cape Palmas, and the State Society now owns both sides of the Cavally, a broad and noble river, from its mouth to the town of Denah, about thirty miles from the ocean. The agent, Dr. Hall, ascended the river to the cataracts of Faye and reached the mountain range which here runs parallel to the coast. He describes the country as of inexhaustible fertility, beautiful in the extreme in appearance and thickly peopled by a population that manifested great kindness to him on all occasions, and an anxious desire to enter into treaties with him, for the purpose of having schools established at their respective towns, and participating in the benefits of a trade with the colony. The Rev. Mr. Wilson, the missionary at the Cape, subsequently visited a part of the same region of country, and his account fully corroborates that given by Dr. Hall.

The relations with the natives in the immediate neighborhood of the colony are now of a friendly kind. On several occasions they attempted to impose upon the agent: and temporary estrangement was the consequence. Firmness and consistency have great effect upon them, and the Board have every reason to believe that the good will which now exists on both sides, will not be again interrupted. The policy of the Board is to improve the condition, and to raise them to a level with the colonists, so that, apt as they are for civilization, the colonization scheme may be to them also a blessing; and not, as in the case of the colonizing of this country, a plan for the extermination of the aborigines.

The board have it in view to procure during the present year a vessel of their own. This has been the